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## **NEWS RELEASE**

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Marvin D. Ward with possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon.

The indictment alleges that on diverse dates between July 25, 2005 and March 3, 2006, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, the defendant possessed numerous firearms and rounds of ammunition at the Ready Aim Fire shooting range in Bristol, Pennsylvania. The indictment further alleges that the defendant brought to the range individuals that he believed to be Bloods Street Gang members from Trenton, New Jersey, so that those individuals could possess and use firearms and ammunition at the shooting range.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. If convicted, Ward faces a maximum of ten years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Marvin D. Ward	Trenton, NJ	37

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the New Jersey State Police and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joe Khan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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